<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 2-17 as follows:

A more complete understanding of the present embodiments and advantages thereof may be acquired by referring to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numbers indicate like features, and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a depiction of prior art network manager application;

FIG. 2 is a depiction of a network incorporating an advanced manager according to teachings of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a depiction of an advanced manager component and network devices negotiating a bandwidth request according to teachings of the present invention; [[and]]

FIG. 4 is a depiction of an advanced manager according to the present invention<u>; and</u>

<u>FIG. 5 shows a method of for managing network device.</u>

Please insert the following new paragraph beginning at page 14, line 6:

Figure 5 shows a method for managing network devices. At step 502, an advanced manager is provided that is capable of performing steps 504-512. At step 504, network devices are queried to determine at least one software application running on at least one network device. The functionality of at least one network device is classified based upon network transmission characteristics and the determined software application. In step 508, inter-device transmission data, inter-device negotiation data, bandwidth negotiation data, and a bandwidth negotiation recommendation are received. In step 510, a policy database is consulted and received data is compared to the policies in the database. In step 512, the at least one network device is managed according to the determined functionality. Managing may include submitting management instructions and a bandwidth recommendation based on a policy database.